

Minutes of the
Dodge County Highway Committee Meeting
October 30, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Dodge County Highway Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 8:30 a.m. on October 30, 2015, in the Dodge County Highway shop located at 271 W. Lehman in Neosho.

ROLL CALL: The following members were present – Harold Johnson, Chester Caine, Randy Grebel, and Jeff Berres. William Muche was absent. Commissioner Brian Field, Assistant Commissioner Peter Thompson, County Administrator Jim Mielke, and County Board Chairman Russell Kottke were also present. Deputy Scott Petrack of the Dodge County Sheriff's Department, County Board Supervisor Joe Marsik, and Human Resources Director Sarah Eske were present for part of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Caine and seconded by Grebel to approve the agenda as presented and allow the Chairman to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

REVIEW MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16 AND 22, 2015: Minutes of October 16 and 22, 2015 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

STAFF REPORTS AND DEPARTMENT CONCERNS: Weight limits and interim repairs to a bridge on CTH J (STH 16/60 – CTH G) were discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were no Committee reports.

PROJECT UPDATES: CTH C (CTH A – Jersey Road) is completed and open. The two experimental GRS (geosynthetic reinforced soil-integrated) bridges are scheduled for bidding and letting in February 2016.

REVIEW SPEED LIMIT ON CTH KK EAST OF I-41: Motion by Caine and seconded by Grebel to reduce the speed limit on CTH KK east of I-41 from 55 MPH to 45 MPH. Motion carried. A resolution will be presented to the County Board.

REVIEW DRAINAGE DISTRICT #1 COST ESTIMATE FOR DRAINAGE NEAR THE AIRPORT: Numerous drainage options and cost estimates were reviewed. It was the consensus of the Committee that Department staff review these options with the members of the District and report back to the Committee at a future meeting.

REVIEW 2016 WIDOT ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS: Motion by Johnson and seconded by Grebel to authorize the Commissioner to accept the WIDOT Routine Maintenance Agreement for 2016 in the amount of \$2,331,200.00. Motion carried.

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CONSIDER POLICY FOR ATV-UTV ACCESS ON COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAYS:

Deputy Petrack presented a current draft of the proposed ATV-UTV Access to County Highways Policy for review. Several concerns were addressed. The Quad County Runners ATV Club will be invited to the next meeting to discuss this draft policy.

FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION ON EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

CONCERNS: Field presented a memo of appreciation for recent policy/wage revisions signed by many of the Highway Department employees.

DISCUSS NEOSHO SATELLITE SHOP PROPERTY OPTIONS: Property purchase negotiations for property to the north of the existing shop site in Neosho have stalemated. Negotiations have commenced with the property owner south of the existing shop site. Several additional green space sites were also discussed.

CONSIDER CTH G RAILROAD CROSSING IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS AND COSTS:

Several design and cost estimate concerns of the proposed changes to the CP Rail crossing on CTH G in the Village of Reeseville were discussed. Department staff will review this issue with the WIDOT regional railroad coordinator for current options.

VOUCHER PAYMENT REVIEW: Vouchers payment registers were reviewed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: ATV-UTV policy, CTH G Rail crossing update, and Neosho satellite shop property purchase update.


NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Committee meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on November 12, 2015, in the Juneau office.

FIELD REVIEW: The Committee viewed adjoining properties for purchase consideration. The Committee also viewed property on STH 60 east of STH 67 for potential purchase.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



Harold J. Johnson – Chairman


Randy Grebel – Secretary

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